

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21 to page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A link assembly 30 includes a pivotable member 33 which is a torsion spring and is mounted to a transverse link 32 which is connected between two holes 22 in the two side walls of the trigger 20. The pivotable member 33 has a first end ~~[[322]]~~**332** connected to a top of a stop member 31 and a second end 331 which is located beside a second end 62 of the connection link 60. The stop member 31 is a cylindrical member and a recess is defined in the underside of the stop member 31 so that an end of a spring 311 is engaged with the recess. The stop member 31 is located between the two side walls of the trigger 20 connected to the ~~[[trigger of the]]~~ stapler and is moved with the trigger 20. An activation member 70 extends from the barrel 10 and into the space between the two side walls of the trigger 20. As shown in Fig. 3, if the trigger 20 is pulled while the rod 50 is not pushed against an object to be stapled, the activation member 70 is not pressed by any part of the trigger 20 and the staple is not injected from the nose 100. --